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Justice Department officials will be on hand to receive complaints of election fraud, voting rights abuses

United States Attorney B. Todd Jones announced today that Assistant U.S. Attorney Julie E. Allyn will lead the Office's efforts in connection with the Justice Department's national Election Day Program for the November 2, 2010, general election. Allyn has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer for the District of Minnesota; and in that capacity, she is responsible for overseeing the District's handling of complaints regarding election fraud and voting abuses in consultation with U.S. Department of Justice headquarters in Washington.

The goals of the long-standing Election Day Program are to increase the Department's ability to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls and prosecute voting offenses whenever and wherever they occur. Moreover, the Program seeks to ensure public confidence in the election process by providing local points of contact for reporting possible violations of the law while the polls are open on election day. To respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses on November 2, 2010, U.S. Attorney Jones said that Allyn will be on duty during the entire time the polls are open. She may be reached by calling (612) 236-6883.

In addition, the FBI will have Special Agents available in each Field Office and Resident Agency throughout the country to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses on November 2. The FBI may be reached by calling (612) 376-3200.

Complaints about ballot access problems or discrimination may also be made directly to the Civil Rights Division's Voting Section in Washington, D.C., by calling 1-800-253-3931 or 202-307-2767.

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